

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT: SPRING FACT SHEET NO. 4**  
**Columbia River Joint State Hearing**  
**May 4, 2011**

<b><i>Fisheries under Consideration:</i></b> Recreational salmon upstream of Bonneville Dam
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- Bonneville Dam passage of Chinook through May 3 totals 68,752 adult fish. Daily counts have dramatically increased, with the counts for the past three days accounting for nearly half the total passage. Based on the recent 5-year average, which includes four late-timed years, passage is typically about 35% complete by May 3 and the average 50% passage date is May 8.
- The *U.S. v Oregon* Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has been reviewing the status of the upriver spring Chinook run on a weekly basis. With the strong counts at Bonneville Dam in recent days, TAC is more optimistic about the run status now compared to one week ago. TAC has not updated the run size; TAC prefers to be closer to the 50% cumulative arrival date at Bonneville Dam before updating the run size.
- The recreational fishery from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Oregon/Washington border was scheduled to be open from March 16 through April 24, but was extended through May 1. Catch and effort was minimal for the majority of the season, reflective of the low Bonneville Dam counts. Catch estimates total 453 Chinook kept and 165 released, with most the catch from The Dalles Pool. Upriver Chinook mortalities total 470 fish, compared to the 1,032 available pre-update (46%). A total of 562 fish remain available under the pre-update guideline.

<b>Recommendation: Bonneville Dam to Oregon/Washington Border</b> <b>Recreational Spring Chinook Fishery</b>
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**Season:** Saturday May 7 through Tuesday May 10, 2011 (4 days)

**Area:** Tower Island power lines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to Oregon/Washington border plus the Oregon **and** Washington banks between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island power lines.

**Bag limit:** Two adult Chinook or steelhead per day or one of each. Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept. All other permanent regulations apply.

**Additional regulations:** For the mainstem Columbia River salmon and steelhead fishery from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to OR/WA border, effective through June 15, it is unlawful when fishing from vessels which are less than 30 feet in length (substantiated by Coast Guard documentation or Marine Board registration) to totally remove from the water any salmon or steelhead required to be released.

- The proposed season provides access to harvestable Chinook allocated to this fishery prior to the run update. Additional opportunity may be considered once the run size is updated.
- Catch from the proposed season is expected to be less than the 562 fish remaining on the guideline.
- No meetings are scheduled at this time. Staff will continue to monitor the run status